

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: External Administrative Costs

Program Components	2000 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2001 Budget Request	Change From 2000 (+/-)
A. Employee Compensation Payments	15,978	+651	0	16,629	+651
B. Unemployment Compensation Payments	11,305	-1,522	0	9,783	-1,522
C. Park Police Pension Payment	17,704	-17,704	0	0	-17,704
D. External ADP Charges	4,096	0	0	4,096	0
E. Printing	605	0	0	605	0
F. Telecommunications	7,188	0	0	7,188	0
G. Postage	4,927	0	0	4,927	0
H. GSA Space Rental	36,687	+943	+2,716	40,346	+3,659
I. Drug-Free Workplace	316	0	0	316	0
J. Departmental Program Charges	12,264	+1,489	0	13,753	+1,489
Total Requirements \$(000)	111,070	-16,143	+2,716	97,643	-13,427

AUTHORIZATION

16 U.S.C. 1	The National Park Service Organic Act
Public Law 85-157	Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act amendments of 1957
5 U.S.C. 8509	Federal Employees Compensation Account

OVERVIEW

The **External Administrative Costs** activity includes funding support necessary to provide and maintain services that represent key administrative support functions whose costs are largely determined by organizations outside the National Park Service and whose funding requirements are therefore less flexible. The requirements for these services are mandated in accordance with applicable laws; to promote efficient performance of the National Park Service, they are most effectively managed on a centralized basis.

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APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
 - Ila Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
 - Ilb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
 - IIla Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
 - IVa The National Park Service uses current management practices, systems, and technologies to accomplish its mission.
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A. Employee Compensation Payments ***FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$15,978,000

Funding allows for financial compensation to National Park Service employees in the event of a job-related injury. The National Park Service makes payments to the Employees' Compensation Fund at the Employment Standards Administration within the Department of Labor to cover the cost of compensation claims awarded to Service employees during the previous fiscal year. The FY 2001 payment includes an estimated increase of \$651,000 over FY 2000 which brings the FY 2001 estimated total to \$16,629,000.

B. Unemployment Compensation Payments ***FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$11,305,000

Funding provides unemployment compensation to qualifying former personnel as prescribed under the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-499), which requires that all unemployment benefits paid to former Federal employees, based on Federal service performed after December 31, 1980, be reimbursed to the Federal Employees' Compensation account of the unemployment trust fund by each Federal agency. At this time, billing information is not available at the bureau level. The Department has distributed the total cost among affected bureaus on the basis of total separations. The level of separations for the National Park Service is the highest of the Department because of the large number of seasonal staff. The FY 2001 estimated payment is \$9,783,000, which reflects a decrease of \$1,522,000 from FY 2000.

C. United States Park Police Pension Fund Payments ***FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$17,704,000

United States Park Police officers hired prior to January 1, 1984 retire under provisions of Public Law 85-157, the "Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act amendments of 1957." This law authorizes the payment of appropriated funds to the extent that benefit payments exceed the deductions from salaries of covered active duty employees. The FY 2000 payment to the U.S. Park Police Pension Fund of \$17,704,000 was based on an actuarial

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analysis of employees and retirees. In FY 2001, the NPS is proposing the transfer of this component to a separate United States Park Police subactivity within Park Management.

D. External ADP Charges FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$4,096,000

Funding provides for online charges billed to the NPS from other agencies such as the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Reclamation to operate Servicewide ADP systems including portions of the Federal Financial System (FFS), the Fixed Asset Property System, an internet-based information exchange system (ParkNet), and an automated SF-52 system. A funding increase was provided in FY 2000 for the Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System (IDEAS), a department-wide acquisition system that provides electronic interface with the DOI Federal Financial System for reconciliation of procurement and financial data required by the Chief Financial Officer's Act. In addition, in FY 2000, \$1.785 million was transferred from the U.S. Geological Survey to the NPS for management and support of IDEAS and the Federal Financial System. FY 2001 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2000.

E. Printing FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$605,000

Funding covers the costs of printing associated with the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Departmental printing plant. FY 2001 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2000.

F. Telecommunications FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$7,188,000

Funding provides Servicewide data network service, Internet service, and telephone service through the Federal Telecommunication System (FTS) network and commercial telephone costs. The costs of these services are dictated by rates established by GSA and the telecommunications companies. This program supports critical mission related activities in every park and is vital in ensuring the NPS maintains the ability to effectively communicate with external partners and over 260 million visitors through the Internet and other methods that will emerge in the 21st century. FY 2001 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2000.

G. Postage FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$4,927,000

Funding provides Servicewide postage needs. Postage metering is managed through a central contract that provides services nationwide. FY 2001 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2000.

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H. GSA Space Rental *FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments*

Enacted: \$36,687,000

Funds provide the office space and related services leased from the General Services Administration (GSA) by National Park Service park units and administration. In addition to general office space leases includes storage, food service, conference, training, and light industrial facilities and parking space where necessary. Rental space includes Federally-owned buildings operated by the GSA and buildings owned in the private sector which the GSA leases and makes available for public use. The standard level user charges paid by the Service are determined by the GSA and billed on a quarterly basis. In FY 2001 uncontrollable cost adjustments include increases of \$943,000 for GSA space rental.

FY 2001 BUDGET REQUEST

	2001 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
▪ GSA Space Rental \$(000)	40,346	+2,716

The FY 2001 request for GSA Space Rental is \$40.346 million, which represents an increase of \$3.659 million above the FY 2000 enacted level. The programmatic increase of \$2.716 million for the GSA Space Rental is justified by the proposed change that follows.

▪ ***GSA Space Rental (+\$2,716,000)***: The NPS proposes an increase of \$2.716 million in FY 2001 to support costs associated with GSA leases at NPS Regional Offices and park units throughout the United States. The FY 2001 budget requests the following programmatic increases for space rental:

Lease Facilities for NPS Regional Offices [+\$2,204,000] - Funding is required for the Regional Offices in Denver and San Francisco to lease facilities. Both of these offices have reached the end of their 10-year leases. The facilities were first leased during very favorable market conditions. Both Denver and San Francisco have recently seen an upward acceleration in rental rates for office space and equivalent space to house these operations will rise significantly. Neither of these facilities will increase their overall square footage, and the increased costs are solely the result of market conditions. The Regional Office in Denver is expected to renegotiate a lease for the existing building; the San Francisco Regional Office is expected to relocate to new space. Any moving expenses will be absorbed by the Regional Offices.

Lease Facilities for Parks [+\$512,000] - The NPS leasing program requires additional funding for unbudgeted new requirements, consolidations, and moves to new space necessitated by expiring leases. This proposal would provide funding for the operational and administrative space needs at a number of park units and offices. The amount would be used to cover increased cost at such places as Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Weir Farm National Historic Site, Olmsted National Historic Site, Kennedy and Longfellow National Historic Site, Canaveral National Seashore, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, Office of Water Resources (Denver, CO), National Park of American Samoa, Pinnacles

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National Monument, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, and the Accounting Operations Center (Reston, VA).

I. Drug-Free Workplace FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$316,000

Funds the Park Service share of the costs of the Department's Drug Free Workplace program to foster a drug-free workplace. FY 2001 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2000.

J. Working Capital Fund FY 2000 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$12,264,000

Funds the Park Service share of the costs of Departmentwide programs and activities such as the Departmental library, audits and inspections, the Federal Information Centers, and spectrum management. In FY 2000, costs associated with the support of the Federal Personnel/Payroll System (FPPS), the Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System, and portions of the Federal Financial System (FFS) were transferred for funding through this account. The FY 2001 funding proposal includes an estimated increase of \$1,489,000 in uncontrollable expenses over FY 2000 which brings the FY 2001 estimated total to \$13,753,000.